

BANANAS ARE DIVIDING UP THE HAWAII BUSINESS

Promotion Committee Gets a Peculiar Letter From the Coast.

Shippers of bananas may be surprised to learn that traveling representatives for grocery firms in the West have informed customers in the inland towns of California that bananas are shipped from the Hawaiian Islands to the coast as ballast.

The promotion committee yesterday weighed and gauged at the suggestion that the rich, juicy fruit of banana plantations has been classed as ballast for ships along with the rocky debris of quarries of Kaimuki, Punahoa and Makiki. But the members did not laugh when a letter from Wightman Bros., chain of California, was read. That enterprising firm of an enterprising Golden State now explained their position as follows:

"We are engaged in the grocery business to trade and sell once in a while in new bananas. We have ordered from the various produce firms with whom we deal Hawaiian bananas, but never have had our order filled. The last house we ordered from was Fins Bros. Company of Sacramento, and another company. Neither was able to or would fill our order."

Their traveling man told us that the only way those bananas come here was as ballast.

"We don't believe this statement, and ask you to give us the name of some firm from whom we may purchase ballast."

Aquarium for San Francisco.

C. E. Wiedland, a consulting engineer of San Francisco, wrote the committee that he was deeply interested in having established in San Francisco a public aquarium. "Although we have the principal seaport of the United States on the Pacific we lack the attraction of an aquarium," he writes.

Mr. Wiedland asks for full information regarding the widely known aquarium at Waikiki Beach, and asks for building plans, desiring to get such complete data regarding aquaria as will enable him to present the subject to the public mind of the Bay City in order that one may eventually be established there.

Thanks to Tenney.

A vote of thanks was rendered to R. D. Tenney on behalf of the Mason Navigation Company, for giving the committee a special rate for the sextet of Hawaiian musicians who went to the Coast on the Lurline this week, en route to Atlantic City, where they will be an attraction of the promotion committee's booth on the Board Walk.

A letter was read from Mrs. Headlee, the committee's representative in Los Angeles, in which she stated she was arranging to transfer her work to Seattle the first part of May.

STATESMEN REPORTERS LEAST RELIABLE

CHICAGO, March 19.—When President Taft was visiting here this week he was the guest of the newspaper men and addressed the members. He said in part:

"The newspapers, of course, are essential. We say we do not read them. Well, we have to read them. There is a distinguished member of one of the tribunals in Washington who says he never reads the newspapers. Whether he gets his news through his wife, or how he receives the information as to the progress of the world, I don't know."

"The difficulty that I find is that I have to read them and after a sense of responsibility—the fact that I will feel a sense of loss if my son goes to the wrong school, and so forth, it is hard to read them, especially if you can't see the other side of the story."

Wenham, member of the A. H. line from San Francisco, responded that he will be pleased to furnish him.

BURTON IN MINORITY ON APPROPRIATIONS

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Secretary Burton reported to the Senate on the bill to appropriate \$1,000,000 for the construction of the fortifications of the Gulf and the Panama Canal, the project for which has been suspended since the election of the new president. Mr. Burton, a member of the House, said that the amount of the appropriation was regarded as too small, and that more money in the sum be voted.

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RUSSIANS ARE A SERIOUS MENACE

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